FISHING SHOOTING and CANOEING in NOVA SCOTIA

The Summer Vacation Land of America

OUT-OF-DOORS IN NOVA SCOTIA

This little book will tell you something of the best of the many lakes and rivers with which Nova Scotia abounds. It tells of fine places to hunt, and of wonderful canoe trips and camping places. There are desolate lands where bears roam and slow running rivers where the beaver builds his dam. "You may reach a forest of Arden in a buckboard. The Fortunate Isles are within sailing distance in a dory. And a voyage on the River Pactolus is open to anyone who can paddle a canoe."

NO date is too far ahead beginning to plan anything that has vari-colored flies in it, and tents, and the prospects of camp-fire smell.

There is something about a book of trout flies, even at the year's end, when all the brooks are flint — even at such a time, I say, there is something about those bits of gimp, and gut, and feathers, and steel, that prick up the red blood of any man — or of any woman, for that matter — who has ever flung one of those gaudy things into a swirl of dark water, and felt the swift, savage tug on the line and heard the music of the singing reel.

—Albert Bigelow Paine

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Nova Scotia—the Overlooked Hunting Grounds

WHAT is the average sportsman looking for? Obviously a country which offers good fishing or hunting, which is not already overcrowded with his kind, which is easy to reach and not expensive. If there is a place under the sun that completely fulfills these conditions it is the beautiful peninsula of Nova Scotia, famed these many years for its historical memories, but hitherto overlooked by the great body of hunters, fishermen and campers. A select few of these long ago discovered its charms, and have been bringing their friends with them to share the grand sport; but the real sportsman is not given to trumpeting aloud in public the advantages of the place which he finds a paradise—quite the contrary; Nova Scotia, strangely enough, has done very little advertising. No one has troubled to correct the impression held by a few people that Nova Scotia is situated somewhere far up in the frozen North, instead of a night's ride from Boston, almost due east. It is not cold, damp, and foggy—it is the very contrary, having no extremes of temperature, but enjoying the most bracing climate in America, influenced both by sea breezes and the atmosphere of the evergreens.

THE UNSPOILED COUNTRY

The above explains why Nova Scotia is about the last remaining of the unspoiled first-class sporting countries. The people are not bent upon squeezing the last penny out of the tourist. The woods are still the real wilderness, and are not sprinkled with so-called camps, which are really hotels in disguise, presided over by unscrupulous exploiters. You may go out for a fortnight's canoe trip and not meet a single party except your own; or, if you are less strenuous, you may inhabit one of the genuinely comfortable, though by no means elegant, hostelries that lie on the very edges of the wild, and go out by the day for your trout or salmon or game birds. In such a case he will have the advantages of both civilization and the true wilderness, the use of the telephone, telegraph and auto, as well as the cry of the loon and the boom of the cock partridge.

WHAT NOVA SCOTIA OFFERS

Brook Trout. This province is literally one vast trout preserve, the fish being the true *salvelinus fontinalis*, or brook trout (char), the most beautiful and gamy of all the trout. While we cannot boast of more than an occasional four-pounder, our average is as large as in any other known waters, and the fish are to be found "all over and everywhere." The best fishing is naturally in the early spring, say from May 1st to July 1st, and from the last week in August till the close of the legal season, October 1st. Those who are at all fussy about insect pests, and are not afraid of a raw day or two, will find the last of April and the first fortnight in May a fine time, especially as the waters are high and afford grand canoeing and rapid-running. The midsummer fishing, while fully as good as elsewhere at this time, makes more demands on the skill and patience of the angler. You can catch a creel-full without stirring from the outlying hotels, but of course the further into the less-fished waters you push, the better the sport is likely to be.

The artificial fly is the usual lure, both "wet" and "dry" methods being successful, the former being the choice for spring. During the latter part of May, if the black fly troubles you, wear a head-net of black silk veiling, a pair of stout gloves, and provide yourself with some kind of "fly dope."

Nova Scotia trout fishing is justly famous. It is in fact so good that one has to take care not to become a fish-hog.

Legal limit: thirty fish a day. Those not British subjects must take out a $5.00 license.

Salmon. Season: February 1st to August 15th. Best time is May and June. See "Sporting Gazetteer," under Yarmouth, Salmon River, Kentville, Middleton, Paradise, etc. Regular salmon tackle is used, with rods of medium weight.

Coarse Fish, such as yellow and white perch, sunfish, eels, horned-pout, etc., are found everywhere.

Sea Fishing is to be had all along the coast, the best places being Yarmouth, Weymouth, Digby, Smith's Cove, and the places reached from these towns. (See "Gazetteer.") Besides the usual deep-sea fishing for cod, pollock, haddock, etc., there are smelt to be had, and pollock fishing with fly rod and fly or spinner, is a fascinating sport. The great tuna (horse-mackerel) is abundant in St.Mary's Bay and along the Cape Breton coast. Heavy tuna tackle is necessary. The tuna run larger here than anywhere else in the world, and taking them on ordinary tuna tackle offers the finest sport that can be imagined.

Moose. Nova Scotia offers the *very best* of moose hunting, and it is *cheaper* and *more easily reached* than that of any other district of the East. Expenses: Big game license, $30, covering all varieties of game; guide, canoe, tent, camp outfit and provisions for one sportsman and one guide, $4.00 to $4.50

Kedgemakogee Lake. Scarlet Berries of Mountain Ash Hang Around the Lake

The Morning Wash

per day. Any necessary teaming is cheaper than elsewhere, and hardly enters into the expense column. Season: September 16th to December 1st. Only one adult bull moose may be shot by any one man.

Our moose hunting is better to-day than ever before. Note the following record of bulls legally killed: 1908, about 300; 1909, 405; 1910, 500; 1911, 617; 1912, 578; 1913, 704; 1914, 1,091; 1915, 1,208. This means ..... about a hundred bulls more have been killed each year.

The season for "calling" covers the first month of the hunting, but the most favorable time is the last week in September and the first ten days in October.

NOTE: Engage your guides well ahead, as the good ones are popular.

Caribou. This grand deer may now be shot on the island of Cape Breton, which is reached by the **Dominion Atlantic Railway,** changing at Truro. Season: September 16th to October 16th. When arranging for a trip apply for exact information to J. A. Knight, Esq., K. C., Chief Game Commissioner, Halifax.

Deer. Open season, October 22d to 31st; limit, one buck deer for each person.

Bear, Wildcat and Fox. All are plentiful, but shy and hard to get, except when hunted with trained hounds. Nevertheless a large number are shot, especially bears, and the wary hunter may run across one at any time. Wildcat and fox hunting on the snow, with dogs, is strenuous but exciting sport.

Small Game. The woods of the province literally swarm with all kinds of furred and feathered creatures, reckoned under the general class of small game. There are the favorite game birds, such as partridge (ruffed grouse), woodcock, snipe, ducks, geese and shore birds, plover, yellowlegs, willet, etc. Partridges are especially plentiful, owing to the fact that these may be shot only during the month of October. Woodcock shooting, both of native and flight birds, is first-class along the whole line of the Dominion Atlantic Railway. The season starts in August. It is wiser to bring one's own dog along. The duck season lasts from September 1st to March 1st. The black duck is the most plentiful, though others abound. Did you ever hear of "tolling" ducks? Then you don't know the last word in blind-shooting: If you visit the best duck country (round Yarmouth, Digby and Wolfville) you will learn all about it. A small game license, giving the right to shoot all these, costs $15. To shoot woodcock and snipe a $30 license is required.

The hare (wrongly called rabbit) is the varying variety, and changes to white in winter. It is found everywhere and is in season from October 1st to March 1st. Besides this little animal the woods abound in squirrels, woodchucks, otters, mink, weasels (ermine in winter, when turned white), porcupines, beavers, muskrats, loons, eagles, blue herons, hawks, owls, ravens, crows, and jays, as well as all the song birds. The peerless hermit thrush sings here as nowhere else in America.

"If I Can But Hold Him!"

Sportsmen are warned against shooting sea gulls, which are most useful as well as beautiful birds. They, and also loons, are protected by law. Persons without game licenses are not allowed to carry firearms in the woods.

CANOE CRUISES

Many parts of the province, particularly those reached easily by the **Dominion Atlantic,** are wonderfully adapted to the glorious sport of canoe cruising, combined with trout fishing, photographing and camping out, for the country is a perfect network of lakes and streams, and the "carries" from one to the other are few and usually very short. The "canoe cure" is becoming a favorite with tired business men and women, and no better course of bracing up could be prescribed. In the first place you must camp out under canvas, which means practically in the open air. The ozone of June or July, laden with the fragrance of the evergreens, the moderate exercise with paddle and rod, the fascination of hooking, playing and netting a bejewelled "whopper," the intimate acquaintance with Nature and all her wild creatures, the joys of the camp and the glories of the camp fire—there is no vacation on earth like this!

Strenuous? Only as much as you choose to make it; in fact, not strenuous enough for a lazy person, who is content to let his guide do all the work. If you are wise you will go slowly at first. Then, as you gain strength and enthusiasm, you will find yourself doing more and more, both with rod and paddle and perhaps, also, with kettle and toaster, till the time shall come, when, after a delicious supper, sauced with the true woods appetite, you stretch yourself out luxuriously under your lean-to to watch the sparks of the camp-fire go sailing up above the

A Three-Pounder—Some Tickled

The Sissiboo, a Famous Salmon Water

tree tops, and finally to slip over into the pleasant "Land of Nod" with a feeling of peace and good will to man. No, a canoe trip, plus camping out, is by no means too strenuous even for a delicate woman, let alone a robust one. I know many newly-weds, who have spent their honeymoons in this manner. Dangerous? Not a bit, if you have a good guide, who takes no chances. There are few canoe accidents that are not caused by out-and-out foolhardiness or gross carelessness.

But if you are "looking for trouble," and wish to indulge in that most fascinating of sports for a nervy man—shooting the rapids, you can have all you want, from the quieter runs, where a wetting will be the worst that can happen, to the angry, rock-strewn pitches that a prudent guide will warn you against, but will attempt if you command, after carefully removing the duffel, provisions, and, first of all, the ladies.

The charm of Nova Scotia is that a trip may be planned for any number of days, as the waters are so easy of navigation that one can double and turn from place to place at will and never get out of good fishing, remember that.

Engage guides and outfit early. Bring a suit of light oil-skins or a long oil-skin coat, two thicknesses of underwear, a sweater, stout, high boots and camp slippers or moccasins, khaki or duxback clothing, leather belt, dogskin gloves, and, in spring, silk head-net and "fly dope."

Get a copy of the game law and one of "The Way of the Woods," published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, which

will tell you everything about the woods that you may have forgotten, from how to play a trout, to what to do with a sick or wounded man. It was written in Nova Scotia.

ARRANGING A TRIP

The beauties and the bracing atmosphere of Nova Scotia are always here to welcome you, but, if any regular trip into the woods is contemplated, it is of the greatest advantage to engage guides, canoes and provisions well ahead, even months if possible. The best men are apt to be spoken for early. This folder is written as a guide and a help towards making up your mind. Decide as soon as possible in regard to these points:

(1) What you wish to do (hunt, fish, canoe, etc.); (2) Where you wish to go; (3) How many days you intend to keep your guides (as they will have other engagements and must know when they will be free); and (4) for just how many persons you need accommodation. The "where" can be decided by a study of the "Sporting Gazetteer," which follows. Remember that the more precisely and the earlier you state your wants to your chosen outfitter or guide, the easier you make it for him to satisfy them, and the less chance there will be for misunderstandings and disappointments.

The same advice is good in regard to hotel accommodation. Write early.

The game law allows visitors at hotels to fish by the day without being accompanied by licensed guides, but parties staying in the woods over night must be accompanied, no guide being permitted to serve more than three persons.

Each sportsman should supply himself with a copy of the game law, and, both as a genuine sportsman and an honored guest, should scrupulously observe its provisions. The Customs authorities have the right to demand deposits upon guns, rifles, fishing-tackle, cameras, etc., brought into Canada, but they are always lenient, and make it as easy for the visitor as they may.

For further particulars of a general nature, which may be desired about hunting and fishing in western Nova Scotia, the reader is referred, by permission kindly granted, to the following gentlemen, who are richly endowed with experience in all branches of Nova Scotian sport:

J. A. Knight, K. C., Chief Game Commissioner, Halifax, N.S.

Edward Breck, M.A., Ph.D., Ex-President Nova Scotia Guides' Association, South Milford, Annapolis County, N. S.

C. O'Dell, Game Inspector, Annapolis Royal, N. S.

H. A. P. Smith, Game Warden, Digby, N. S.

Powhatan Robinson, care of N. Y. Sporting Goods Co., New York City, who sells N. S. game licenses.

It is suggested that the purchaser of a license to fish or shoot should apply for the same to the Game Warden or Officer, whose address is shown in the "Sporting Gazetteer" chapter, in connection with that section of country the visitor has selected as the starting point for his fishing and shooting expeditions. It is not necessary that a license be purchased immediately upon landing in the province unless it has been decided to begin operations within the domain of the officers appointed to issue same at such point.

A Kedgemakoogee Rod and Gun Club Cabin

A "Kedge" Guide

South Milford House

SPORTING GAZETTEER

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY

Annapolis Royal. Railway station for the famous sporting section of the Liverpool water system, including South Milford, Maitland, Lakes Kedgemakoogee and Rossignol, etc. (see below). Hotels: Hillsdale House, Queen Hotel. Information and licenses obtainable from the Town Clerk, F. Harris, or of C. O'Dell, Game Inspector. Automobiles and teams for Milford and Kedgemakoogee: W. H. Edwards, Frank Ritchie, J. A. Buckler. Arrange with C. W. Mills for automobile to Kedgemakoogee Rod and Gun Club. A. D. Thomas' stage and automobiles leave for Milford on arrival of express trains.

Albany. (Guides: C. Connell, C. Zwicker and W. Wood); station for **Albany Cross,** reached by changing trains at Middleton. Excellent fish and moose country; good canoe trips. Hotels: Durling's and T. O'Berne's; $1.00 a day. Guides at Albany Cross: C. A. Connel, M. P. Groucher; $2.00 a day and found; they furnish camps, canoes, boats and tents. The principal waters are the heads of the Nictaux and Port Medway rivers, and the hunting grounds are near by.

Bear River. (See Digby County.)

Bridgetown. Hotel St.James, $2.50 a day. Good moose country reached from here. (See Dalhousie.)

Clementsvale, reached by team from Clementsport station (four miles), the omnibus meeting all trains. Local guide: Alden C. Chute, who has team and outfit. The fishing waters are near by, except Long Lake, twelve miles distant (team $1.50). The woodcock and grouse shooting in this district is famous, but dogs must be brought along. Mr. Chute will provide board at $1.25 a day. Other guides, Fred Long, A. L. Danelam, charge $2.00 per day.

Dalhousie West. Leave the railway at Bridgetown and drive to Dalhousie. Mr. R. A. Warren of Bridgetown will give information. Guides at Dalhousie: Chas. Gillis, Freeman Shipp and Sam Swift; $2.00 a day. The country is excellent for moose, duck, partridge and woodcock.

Deep Brook. Popular summer resort on the sea. Good sea fishing, sailing and bathing. Trout are found in streams inland.

Kedgemakoogee Lake, one of the most beautiful sheets of water on the continent, deep in the real wilderness, dotted with green islands, with dozens of tributary streams. There, on Jim Charles' Point, Albert Bigelow Paine, author of the "Tent Dwellers" and Dr. Edward Breck, the famous "Eddie" of that lovable and bewitching tale, pitched their first night's camp

"The Author"

on their long trail, and Paine had his first battle royal with the trout. Here has been established the "Kedgemakoogee Rod and Gun Club"—address New Grafton, Queens County—property, comprising over 1,500 acres, with seven miles of water front. Garage and gasoline supply, tennis courts, bathing beaches of white sand. Electric lights for house and grounds; roomy log cabins with fireplaces and running water. Kedgemakoogee guides (Micmac Indian or native woodsmen) are good cooks, good hunters and good companions. Membership not necessary to be a guest. Terms: $12 per week; $2.50 per day. Guide and canoe, $2.50 per day and found. Complete outfits, motor boats, telephone, etc. The guides, including the Lewises, Minards, Germains, Rogers, and others, are among the best men of the province.

The Club is reached from Annapolis Royal by regular automobile service—thirty-five miles of good road through a wild and interesting country. Fare: single passenger, $5.00 each way; three or more, $4.00 each way; heavy baggage transported by teams, $1.00 per hundred pounds. This is on the edge of the very best moose-hunting and trout-fishing country; anywhere out of sight of the clubhouse you are in the genuine wilderness. For canoe trips there is no end to the choice of routes in every direction—down the Kedgemakoogee River, across Great Rossignol (with wonderful Tobeatic in prospective) to the famous Indian gardens, or further up and over a portage to the waters

There Is a Trout Now—and a Good One

of the Sissiboo and Tusket rivers. Splendid fishing right near the clubhouse. Game birds very plentiful in season. Bear, fox and mink. License obtainable at Club. Information from C. W. Mills, Manager, New Grafton, Queens County, or Annapolis Royal. Game Warden: Alonzo Minard, Maitland, Annapolis County, N. S.

Minard's Camps are also recommended as clean and comfortable for a long stay. They are situated further down the lake, and are generally reached from Annapolis Royal or from Caledonia, Queens County, where they may be addressed.

Lake Munro. A hamlet lying on the road to Lake Kedgemakoogee, four miles beyond South Milford. It lies very high, in the profound wilderness, and is very salubrious. Board at T. Munro's. Guide: Lawrence Munro. (See South Milford.)

Lawrencetown, near Middleton. Good game-bird shooting. Moose hunting near (Albany Cross, etc.) .Often good salmon fishing, the Delaney pool being one of the best waters. Information at the "Elm House" ($2.00 a day). Guides: C. Zwicker, Chas. Connel and E. C. Merry, all of New Albany, Annapolis County. They furnish outfits, tents, etc., and charge $2.00 a day each.

Milford. (See South Milford.)

Maitland, Annapolis County. Village thirty miles from Annapolis, and five miles from Lake Kedgemakoogee, surrounded by the best hunting and fishing grounds. Especially rich in grouse. Board at Mrs. Ford's. W. Ford keeps a general store, and will furnish all information and hire guides. Guides:

Entering Ninth Lake

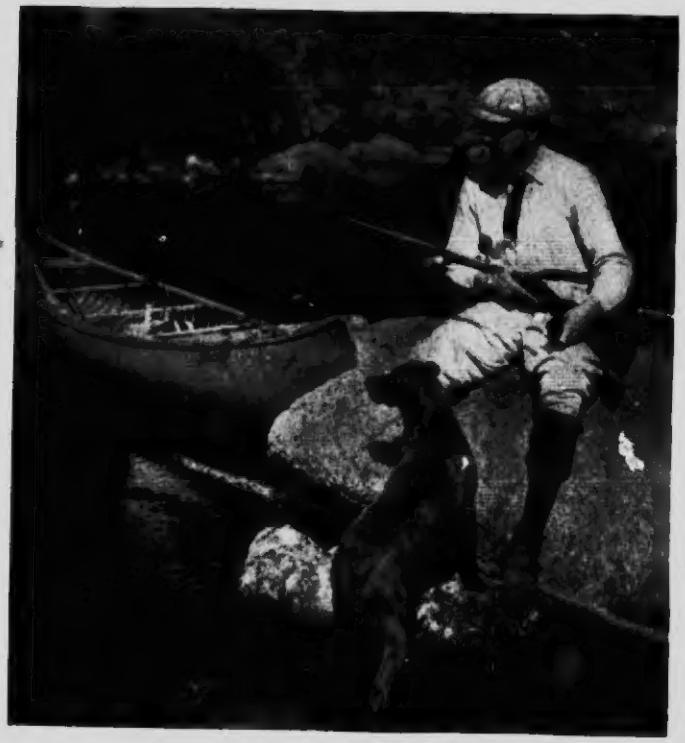
Howard Germain, A. Nixon, S. Baxter. Game Warden: Alonzo Minard—also a guide.

Middleton. A town forty-eight miles from Digby, on the railway line, with good game-bird shooting and trouting near by. The salmon fishing in the Nictaux and Annapolis rivers is well known. Hotels: American House, Central House, $2.00 a day, American plan. Guides: Spurgeon Vidito; $2.00 a day; also the guides at Albany Cross (which see). E. S. Dodge, Fisheries Agent, will furnish information.

Paradise, near Middleton, with excellent salmon pools in the immediate vicinity. Board at local hotels $1.00 to $1.50 a day. Guides: Haggie Luxey, Stephen Luxey and Noel Labrador, Micmac Indians and good fishermen. Rates, $2.00 a day and found. There is also good trout fishing in Paradise Brook and Lake, Eel-Weir, Sand and Lilley lakes. Teams cost about $3.00 a day. H. W. Longley furnishes information.

Nictaux Falls, with excellent salmon fishing, reached from Middleton. Guide: A. S. Vidito, $2.00 a day. Guides can also be secured at Paradise or Middleton. Information from E. S. Dodge, Fisheries Agent, Middleton.

South Milford, one of the most important fishing and hunting centres in the province, and a favorite starting and outfitting place, lying on the headwaters of the great Liverpool system of lakes and streams, and on the forest turnpike, on each side of which stretches away the unspoiled wilderness. It is also a favorite summer resort, reached from Annapolis Royal in an hour by automobile (fifteen miles), or by A. D. Thomas' mail stage, leaving Annapolis after the arrival of the express train.



"Watchful Waiting"

Fare, $1.00; baggage extra. The Milford House ($8.00 per week; $2.00 per day) and cabins are kept by Mr. Thomas, who outfits parties completely and furnishes teams, canoe and guides. Milford guides are excellent and many have been made famous by such books as A. B. Paine's "Tent Dwellers," and Dr. Breck's "Wilderness Pets," both of which were written here. One need only mention such men as Charles Charlton, Horace Munro, Lou Harlow (famous Indian moose hunter), John Lohnes, C. Sullivan, L. Munro, Jim Mailman, R. Longmire, L. Mailman and G. Wilcox. No better moose hunting anywhere, nor trout fishing, both near the hotel and in all directions to the coast. Fine woodcock covers. Partridge extremely plentiful. From South Milford wonderful canoe routes radiate in every direction. You may put in at the hotel and run clear down to the Atlantic Ocean with only a few short portages, passing through fine fishing waters all the way, and crossing the two greatest lakes of the country, Kedgemakoogee and Rossignol, with the famous Indian gardens. Or you may work over into the waters of either the Port Medway, Bear, Roseway, Jordan, or Sissiboo rivers, or, finally, descend the Tusket River and come out near Yarmouth, and you are in fine trout waters continuously. Rates for transportation to surrounding territory: buckboard and pair of horses, 20 cents a mile; single team and one horse, 10 cents a mile; automobile, 20 cents a mile; trunks, 50 cents each.

Handling Mackerel Nets

DIGBY COUNTY

Digby. Delightful and popular summer resort, with a splendid view over the Annapolis Basin. For hotels, etc., see "Vacation Days." Trout fishing is easily obtained by driving a few miles, but the chief sports of Digby are boating, bathing and deep-sea fishing. Cod, pollock, haddock are caught with hand lines, but the best sport is trolling and fly-fishing for pollock. Porpoise hunting is a unique and exciting sport sometimes indulged in by hardy canoeists. Boats are on hand at reasonable prices. Intending moose hunters usually go into the woods by way of Bear River or Weymouth. Bird shooting, however, is a native Digby sport, and there are no finer covers, especially of woodcock, in the province. Information obtainable at the several hotels, Game Warden H. A. P. Smith, and Mr. Keen, the jeweler. Duck shooting excellent around Digby. From Digby stages run to the smaller sea-fishing places of Sandy Cove, Little River, Smith's Cove, etc. There is also some good salmon fishing in the county, about which Game Warden Smith, Digby, can tell. Guides are generally secured at the outlying points where it is proposed to fish or hunt, such as Bear River, Havelock, Weymouth, Doucette Lake, etc. See under these places. Guides generally charge $2.00 a day, each. They are not apt to have outfits.

Bear River. A beautiful town, lying four miles from the railway station of the same name, and celebrated as a starting point for trouting and especially moose-hunting parties, who

can be completely outfitted and provided with excellent guides by Clarke Brothers, who keep a fine general store and furnish all information. Game Warden: W. G. Clarke. The country behind is suited to canoe trips, which need not be confined to Bear River waters, as short portages take one into the systems of the Sissiboo, Tusket and Liverpool rivers. Excellent summer board. There is an Indian reserve here. Splendid roads lead from Bear River to the hunting and fishing regions. The trip to the spot where canoes are taken is made by auto in thirty minutes.

Havelock is a small village twelve miles by team from the railway station of Weymouth (auto, $4.00), on the upper waters of the Tusket River and near those of the Sissiboo. It lies right in the moose and trout country, the genuine wilderness. The game warden and head guide is E. B. Sullivan, who boards you for $1.00 a day and has outfits. Other guides are Frank Sullivan, Havelock. A. Sabean, Hassett, and H. Sterle and Ben Hatfield, Southville. The charge is $2.50 a day. Arrange trips well ahead with Warden Sullivan.

Hectanooga, station for the excellent salmon pools at Salmon River.

Salmon River, with good salmon fishing, nine miles from Hectanooga. Henry Melanson keeps the inn ($1.00 a day), and guides you ($2.00). There is also good trouting in the lakes further back. Warden Smith of Digby is the best authority on salmon fishing here.

Sandy Cove, reached either by steamer from Weymouth or stage from Digby. Village beautifully situated on the so-called Digby Neck, between the Bay of Fundy and St.Mary's Bay. Excellent sea fishing for cod, haddock, pollock, hake, etc.; plenty of tuna (horse mackerel) in St. Mary's Bay, but it is difficult to hook one. Hotels: Hillcote, Village House, Bonnie Brae. Captain Sanders arranges for fishing parties.

Weymouth, railway station for Havelock, Sandy Cove and other sporting places, a thriving town at the mouth of the Sissiboo River. Hotels: Goodwin's, $2.50 a day; Marshall's and Melanson's, both $1.50 a day. Boats for hire. Inquire at the hotels.

KINGS COUNTY

Kings is celebrated as the former country of the Acadians with the village of Grand Pré, the home of Evangeline, in its midst. But it offers the hunter excellent sport. Big game is there: moose, bear, deer, and even a few caribou; the last being protected. The grouse and woodcock shooting is excellent and trout are abundant all over the backwoods. Salmon are also found.

Aylesford, with lovely surroundings and good board. Hotels: Aylesford House. Good game-bird shooting, sea fishing, and lots of brook trout.

Berwick, near good hunting and fishing. Apply to Game Warden Henry Taylor.

Forest Home, a hamlet in the woods, reached by team from Kentville (distance ten miles). Guide: Stephen Knockwood, charges $2.00 a day and found; has no outfit, but furnishes canoe.

Grand Pré, the lovely hamlet immortalized in Longfellow's "Evangeline." Grouse shooting and plenty of ducks and shore birds, as well as fishing of various kinds. All this can be reached from Wolfville.

Kentville, the thriving headquarters of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, the General Passenger Department of which will furnish detailed information on the hunting and fishing resorts of the province. Back in the woods moose and bear are found, while nearer by the game-bird shooting is more than good. Trout are plentiful. For hotels, see "Vacation Days in Nova Scotia." Guides: Jim Toney, Charlie Walton and Joe Knockwood. Teams can be hired for Halls Harbor, nine miles, and Kingsport, fourteen miles, also reached by rail, where good sea fishing can be enjoyed.

Kingston lies near grand hunting and fishing country, moose, bear, birds, and trout being the principal game sought; and in Cloud Lake large lake trout (togue) are said to be plentiful. The chief local authority is Game Warden and Guide Frank Cassidy, who has outfits and camps in the woods and engages guides, and to whom one should apply. He also gets you temporary membership in the Cloud Lake Club which has a house of its own. Guide with tent, $2.00 a day. Team from

The Water Sparkles and the Waves Dance

A Short Carry

Off for a Day's Sea Fishing

Kingston to Cloud Lake, $5.00. Warden Cassidy gives a glowing account of the fishing and hunting in his region. The Kingston hotels also furnish information.

Wolfville is an attractive university town, much frequented by summer tourists, on account of the many delightful trips in the neighborhood, including that to Grand Pré. There is trouting farther back in the wilder parts. Guides near by are: Charles O'Leary and Lew Benjamin, at White Rock; Obed Benjamin, of Black River, Kings County, who charge $2.00 a day.

HALIFAX COUNTY

Halifax, the beautiful and interesting capital of the province, worth a visit for its own sake, is the starting and outfitting point for the vast fishing and hunting regions lying to the east, where there is the best of trout, sea-trout, salmon and deep-sea fishing, and small game shooting. As for big game, there are more moose killed in Halifax County than any other, which will surprise those who think of Halifax as a city only, forgetting that the capital lies in the largest county of the province, most of it still wilderness.

Information may be had from the Chief Game Commissioner, J. A. Knight, Esq., K. C., 88 Barrington Street, who will suggest localities, recommend guides, etc.; also from Game Warden G. P. Henry, 140 North Street, and Geo. Chapman, guide, 112 West Young Street, who has his own cabin in the woods,

where moose, game birds and trout abound. Halifax steamers take the sportsman along the coast to such famous sea-trout and trout and salmon localities as Sheet Harbor, Musquodoboit, etc., and the places beyond; twenty miles off lies Grand Lake, with real landlocked salmon and striped bass. Along the line of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, starting from Halifax, are the following sporting centres:

Windsor Junction, with game birds, trout and landlocked salmon.

Beaver Bank (sixteen miles), near good fishing for trout and landlocked salmon, locally called grayling; also game-bird shooting. Guides: Wm. Nelson, John Harriston and Wm. Lively, charge $2.00 a day.

At North Beaver Bank, eight miles, there are moose. Guide: Wm. Nelson.

Ellershouse, in wild country, where there are moose, bear, grouse and ducks, especially on the Stillwater and Panuke lakes, where the guides, J. Brooks and J. Fogarty, reside, and Rob. Guild, charge $2.50 a day. Do not outfit. Hotel: Ellershouse Hotel, $1.50 and $2.00 a day. Team to Panuke Waters, $2.00.

Bayside, eighteen miles by team from Musquodoboit Harbor, on the Halifax and Mosquodoboit Railway, thence to camps two and one-half miles. Moose, bear, wildcat, partridge, blue-winged ducks. Chas. H. Coolen, guide, has log cabin in most convenient place to hunt from; supplies, boats, guide, per day, $3.00. Camp help, $2.00. Supplies all camp outfit required. Extra charges for transportation, $1.75. Country hunted

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consists of hard and soft wood-belts with lakes and streams, marshes and meadows.

Lower Ship Harbor, about forty-five miles from Halifax by steamboat or coach. Moose, bear, blue-winged duck, partridge and plover, yellow legs and other beach birds; salmon, trout and bass. Guide: Gibson Russell, $2.00 per day.

Assistant or camp help, per day, $1.50. Can provide for party of six. Supplies boats and motor on lake district, consists of open territory and good hunting ground, with a large number of lakes and rivers; log camp; cook-room, situated at Trout Lake, 12 x 14 feet; can also supply tent, bedclothes and cooking utensils.

Additional information for sportsmen concerning Halifax County can be obtained from Mr. J. A. Knight, K. C., Chief Game Commissioner, Halifax.

YARMOUTH COUNTY

Yarmouth, known as the "Gateway to Nova Scotia," is the port of landing for the direct Boston steamers, and offers new arrivals either sea fishing or trout and salmon within a few hours after landing. About everything in the fish line can be got near the town, and back in the woods there is famous moose, bear and wildcat country; while the game-bird, wild-fowl and shore-bird shooting ranks with the very best in the province. The shops are excellent and outfitting is easy. The hotels are good. Yarmouth has a fine corps of guides, most of whom reside in the outlying towns, and many of whom have complete outfits,

Starting at Sixth Lake

Too Big for the Creel

camps in the woods, etc. Among the best known are: Judson Gray and E. F. Walton of Kemptville; O. P. Roberts of North Kemptville; Ellison Gray of East Kemptville; Fred Gould, Jr., of Quinan; Eddie Kinney of Little River Harbor; etc.

Those who propose to make it a starting point should communicate with Roy S. Ke , Secretary Guides' Association, who will furnish reliable formation. The town and surroundings abound in the most attractive boarding places, some with sea bathing, information in regard to which may be had of J. Bond Gray, Tourist Committee, Board of Trade. There is much golf, yachting and boating going on, and plenty of craft for hire. Automobiles take you quickly to the outlying hamlets, on the edge of the true wilderness.

Among the best-known places for sportsmen are:

Kemptville, reached by automobile or by team, twelve miles from the station of Brazil Lake. Imperial Hotel (E. F. Walton), on the Tusket River, famous for trout and salmon and for canoeing trips. The wilderness begins here and many successful moose-hunting parties start from this section There are many excellent guides who may be engaged through Mr. Walton, or through Mr. R. S. Kelly, of Yarmouth. Many of them have complete outfits in the woods.

Deerfield is known for its fine game-bird covers, principally grouse and woodcock. N. B. Hatfield has trained bird dogs and can show hunters the best sport.

Landing, Big Garden

PROTECTION OF FORESTS FROM FIRE

The value of the Canadian forests can hardly be overestimated, although the destruction of small portions of them by fires amounts annually to a serious item. Anyone who has been in a district over which a fire has recently passed will appreciate the utter ruin of the district for several years for the tourist, the hunter and the angler; and we believe that every true sportsman is glad to do anything in his power to prevent destruction of the forests and will observe carefully the following suggestions of the fire rangers:

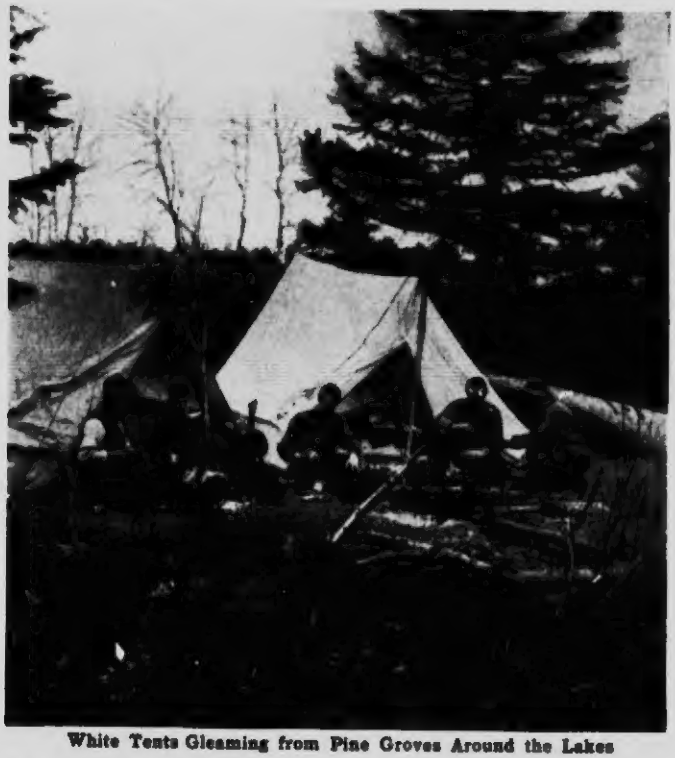
"The greatest care should be exercised between April 1st "and October 31st, and if a fire is made in the forest, or "a distance of less than half a mile therefrom, or upon any "island, for cooking or obtaining warmth, the maker should—

1st. Select a locality in the neighborhood of which there is the smallest quantity of vegetable matter, dead wood, branches, brushwood, dry leaves or resinous trees.

2d. Clear the place in which he is about to light the fire by removing all vegetable matter, dead trees, branches, brushwood, and dry leaves, from the soil within a radius of ten feet from the fire.

3d. Exercise and observe every reasonable care and precaution to prevent such fire from spreading, and carefully extinguish the same before quitting the place.

"Great care should be exercised to see that burning matches, "ashes of pipes and lighted cigars, or burning gun wadding, "or any other burning substance, should be completely



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